WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A resilient, replaceable collar for protecting a roadway structure from damage caused by vehicular traffic and vice versa, the roadway structure extending above a roadway pavement, the collar comprising:

a body having upper and lower surfaces, an opening provided therethrough and sized to accommodate the outer periphery of the roadway structure, and sloped side walls extending downward from the upper surface of the body towards the lower surface of the body.

2. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 1, wherein the resilient, replaceable collar structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of rubber scrap from tires, synthetic rubber, natural rubber, and plastic.

3. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 1, wherein the roadway structure comprises one of a manhole, a catch basin, or a utility access conduit.

4. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 1, wherein the roadway pavement comprises one of asphalt, gravel or concrete.

5. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 4, wherein a portion of the roadway pavement is stripped away so that the roadway structure extends above the roadway pavement.

6. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 1, wherein the resilient, replaceable collar is circular with a central circular opening to snugly engage a cylindrical element of the roadway structure.

7. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited claim 1, wherein the resilient, replaceable collar structure is one of square, rectangular, hexagonal, or octagonal with one of a circular, square or rectangular central opening to snugly engage one of a circular, square or rectangular element, respectively, of the roadway structure.

8. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited claim 1, wherein the collar body has a height substantially equal to the distance the roadway structure extends above the roadway pavement.

9. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited claim 1, wherein a resilient riser is provided between the lower surface of the collar body and the roadway pavement, the resilient riser having a thickness so that the collar body and resilient riser together have a height substantially equal to the distance the roadway structure extends above the roadway pavement.

10. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited in claim 9, wherein the resilient riser comprises a material selected from the group consisting of rubber scrap from tires, synthetic rubber, natural rubber, and plastic.

11. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited claim 1, wherein the upper surface of the

body is substantially planar.

12. The resilient, replaceable collar as recited claim 11, wherein the upper surface is in substantially planar alignment with an upper surface of the roadway structure.